



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact - July 27, 2015

FirstNet News

- FirstNet has posted an updated [Special Notice and Draft RFP Documents FAQ](#) on the resources page of its [website](#). The deadline for comments and capability statements is today, 7/27.
- Last week, FirstNet conducted the Georgia and Tennessee initial consultation meetings. We also attended and presented at the North Carolina Police Executive Association Conference. Federal activities included a FirstNet-hosted federal agency data collection webinar and a consultation with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Secret Service.
- This week, FirstNet will conduct the California initial consultation meeting and attend and present at the Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute Board Meeting. Federal activities include consultations with DHS/Federal Protective Services, DHS/Transportation Security Administration and DHS/United States Coast Guard.
- Check the recent [FirstNet blog](#) for a recap of important information and dates, as well as the [presentation slides](#) from the quarterly SPOC webinar held 7/9.
- To date, FirstNet has held 42 consultation meetings involving more than 2,600 public safety representatives. There are 11 additional initial state consultation meetings scheduled for later this year: Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1), New Jersey (9/3), Alaska (9/9), Arizona (9/15), CNMI (10/20), Guam (10/22) and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- State and local 911 professionals, Federal agency representatives and other 911 stakeholders will participate in a "State of 911" webinar and question and answer session, presented by the National 911 Program, Tuesday, August 11th from 12-1pm Eastern Time. This webinar will feature a presentation by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), to discuss their recently-published paper:

FirstNet and NG9-1-1: High-Level Overview of Systems and Functionality. Interested parties may register for the webinar [here](#).

- The Public Safety Grade and User Equipment task teams will be conducting conference calls this week to continue work on their respective assignments.
- FirstNet will join Tennessee on 8/5-6 at its statewide interoperability conference in Franklin. The Tennessee Consolidated Network for Emergency Communications and Technology (TN-CNECT) is bringing together all divisions of public safety to engage at this [event](#).

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

FirstNet media coverage was moderate this week, with some media sources leveraging FirstNet blog entries to develop articles on data collection, consultation, and technology developments.

FirstNet Plans Second Round of State Consultation Meetings

http://www.radioresourcemag.com/newsArticle.cfm?news_id=12361

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is planning a second round of consultation meetings expected to begin in 2016, FirstNet announced during a single points of contact (SPOC) webinar.

IEEE Communications Society: Feature Topic: Call for Papers

<http://www.comsoc.org/commag/cfp/critical-communications-and-public-safety-networks>

For example, the US Government has created in 2012 an authority to establish a national public safety broadband network called FirstNet; short for First Responders Network. The standards organizations and stakeholders in developing narrowband technologies have indicated that their future strategy is to evolve into LTE-based solutions for public safety systems.

FirstNet developing base stations for police cars, but deployment still several years away

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/firstnet-developing-base-stations-police-cars-deployment-still-several-year/2015-07-23>

FirstNet, which has been tasked with building a nationwide LTE network for emergency workers, is working to create portable cellular base stations that can ride inside police cars and other vehicles, thereby allowing emergency workers to quickly and easily deploy wireless networks in remote areas.

Connect Iowa Blog: FirstNet Addresses Vertical Location

<http://www.connectiowa.org/blog/post/firstnet-addresses-vertical-location>

Acting Chief Technology Officer of FirstNet (the First Responder Network Authority), Jeff Bratcher, explains vertical location and how FirstNet is addressing this issue.

Web and Social Media

The Georgia and Tennessee consultations were topics of discussion over social media by first responders in those states. The Georgia meeting led to several new followers for the FirstNet twitter account, including Emergency Management Agencies from Fulton County and Macon, GA. Twitter now has 2,465 followers; LinkedIn 835 users; Google+ 49 users; and YouTube 137 subscribers.

FirstNet posted 4 blog entries over the past week on topics including the New Mexico initial consultation, the SPOC quarterly webinar, and a spotlight on the Maine single point of contact, Lisa Leahy. All blog posts can be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.